	Application No.	Applicant(s)
Notice of Allowability	10/705,786	WEISS ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	John R. Hardee	1751
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1. This communication is responsive to <u>applicant's amendments</u> .		
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>5</u> .		
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Attachment(s) 1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/0 Paper No./Mail Date 4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material	6. ☐ Interview Summary Paper No./Mail Dat 8), 7. ☑ Examiner's Amendr	e

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

At line 1 of the specification insert --- This is a divisional of US Patent Application 10/401,824, filed March 28, 2003, now US Patent 6,835,699; which is a divisional of US Patent Application 10/210,386, filed August 1, 2002, now US Patent 6,608,010; which is a divisional of US Patent Application 09/709,109, filed November 10, 2000, now US Patent 6,462,015.—

Allowable Subject Matter

- 2. Claim 5 is allowed.
- 3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest prior art of record is the references relied upon in the previous office action. While they disclose the preparation of the recited lactones, they do not disclose any application therefor which would motivate the addition of such a lactone to a porous polymer.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to the examiner, Dr. John R. Hardee, whose telephone number is (571) 272-1318. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 until 4:30. In the event that the examiner is not available, his supervisor, Mr. Douglas McGinty, may be reached at (571) 272-1029.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8100.

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John R. Hardee

Primary Examiner

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